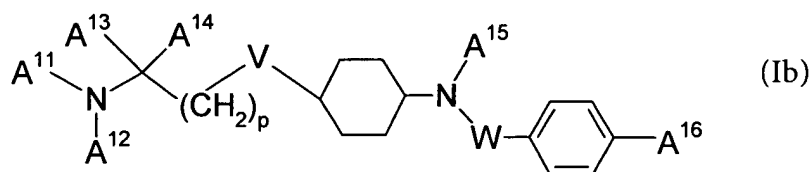


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraphs [0030] and [0031] with the following amended paragraphs:

[0030] A particularly preferred embodiment of the present invention relates to the compounds of formula (Ib)



wherein

V is O, S, -CH₂-, -CH=CH-, or -C≡C-;

W is COO or SO₂;

p is an integer from 0 to 7, with the proviso that p is not 0 when V is O or S;

A¹¹ is H, lower-alkyl, or hydroxy-lower-alkyl and

A¹² is lower-alkyl, hydroxy-lower alkyl, or lower-alkenyl, or

A¹¹ and A¹² bond together to form $[-A^{11}-A^{12}-]$, wherein $[-A^{11}-A^{12}-]$ is lower-alkylene;

A¹³ and A¹⁴ are each hydrogen or bond together to form $[-A^{13}-A^{14}-]$, wherein $[-A^{13}-A^{14}-]$ is $-(CH_2)_{2-5}-$;

A¹⁵ is lower-alkyl; and

A¹⁶ is halogen or trifluoromethyl.

[0031] Also ~~preferred~~ preferred are pharmaceutically acceptable salts and esters of the compounds of formula (Ib).